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# S. 382

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. MATHIAS to S. 382, a bill to promote fair practices in the conduct of election campaigns for Federal political offices, and for other purposes, viz: On page 52, after line 17, add the following:

1 TITLE V—CAMPAIGN MAIL

2 SHORT TITLE

3 SEC. 501. This title may be cited as the "Congressional  
4 Campaign Mail Act".

5 DEFINITIONS

6 SEC. 502. As used in this title—

7 (1) "Federal office" means the office of Senator, or  
8 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner  
9 to the Congress;

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1 (2) “major party candidate” means—

(A) the legally qualified candidate of a political party whose candidate in the next preceding general election for the same Federal office received at least 30 per centum of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for such office; or

(B) any legally qualified candidate for election to a Federal office who is not affiliated with a political party and who was a candidate for the same office in the next preceding general election for such office and who received at least 30 percent of the total number of votes cast in such election for all candidates for such office;

(3) "minor party candidate" means any legally qualified candidate for election to Federal office who is not a major party candidate;

(4) “State” means each of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(5) "campaign mail" means campaign literature mailed by a candidate for nomination for election, or election, to Federal office in connection with his campaign for nomination or election.

## 24 RATES

25 SEC. 503. On and after the first day of January follow-  
26 ing the date of enactment of this Act, campaign mail which

1 is mailed in accordance with section 504 of this title and  
2 regulations promulgated by the Postal Service to carry out  
3 the provisions of this title (and the Postal Service is au-  
4 thorized to promulgate such regulations) —

5 (1) shall be considered matter mailed by a qual-  
6 ified nonprofit organization under section 4452 (b) of  
7 title 39, United States Code, as such section existed on  
8 August 11, 1970; and

9 (2) may be mailed at the same rates of postage  
10 that any such organization is authorized to mail matter  
11 under such section or section 3626 of such title, as  
12 enacted by section 2 of the Postal Reorganization Act.

13 ELIGIBILITY

14 SEC. 504. (a) A major party candidate in a general or  
15 special election shall be eligible to mail a number of pieces of  
16 campaign mail equal to two times the number of persons reg-  
17 istered to vote in the State in which he seeks election, in the  
18 case of a candidate for election as Senator or as Delegate or  
19 Resident Commissioner to the Congress, or in the district in  
20 which he seeks election in the case of a candidate for election  
21 as a Member of the House of Representatives.

22 (b) A minor party candidate in a general or special  
23 election shall be eligible to mail a number of pieces of cam-  
24 paign mail equal to the number of persons registered to vote  
25 in the State in which he seeks election, in the case of a can-

1 didate for election as Senator or as Delegate or Resident  
2 Commissioner to the Congress, or in the district in which he  
3 seeks election, in the case of a candidate for election as a  
4 Member of the House of Representatives.

5 (c) Any candidate for nomination for election to Fed-  
6 eral office shall be eligible to mail a number of pieces of cam-  
7 paign mail equal to—

8 (1) two times the number of persons registered to  
9 vote in the State in which he seeks such nomination, in  
10 the case of a candidate for nomination for election as  
11 Senator or as Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the  
12 Congress, or in the district in which he seeks such  
13 nomination, in the case of a candidate for nomination for  
14 election as a Member of the House of Representatives, if  
15 such candidate secures the signatures of such persons  
16 equal to 5 per centum of such number; or

17 (2) the number of persons registered to vote in the  
18 State in which he seeks such nomination, in the case of  
19 a candidate for nomination for election as Senator, or as  
20 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress, or  
21 in the district in which he seeks such nomination, in the  
22 case of a candidate for nomination for election as a Mem-  
23 ber of the House of Representatives, if such candidate  
24 secures the signatures of such persons equal to 3 per  
25 centum of such number.

1       (d) (1) The Postal Service may enter into contracts or  
2 other arrangements with the government of any State or po-  
3 litical subdivision thereof in order to obtain information as to  
4 the number of persons registered in any State or district, and  
5 to verify signatures obtained by candidates for the purposes  
6 of subsection (c).

7       (2) In the event that the number of persons registered  
8 to vote in any State or district is unavailable to the Postal  
9 Service, the number of persons registered to vote in such  
10 State or district shall be held and considered to be 150 per  
11 centum of the total number of votes cast in the next preceding  
12 general election for all candidates for the office which a candi-  
13 date for Federal office is seeking.

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